CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Room 548, William Pitt Union
8:30 – 9:00 A.M.

PANEL 1 – COLD WAR HISTORY
Room 527, William Pitt Union
9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

- “Evangelical Diplomacy or Political Posturing: Billy Graham, Religion, and Soft Power in the Late Cold War”
  - Anton Ermakov, University of Texas at Austin

- “From United Party to United Nation: East German Political Agitation in West Germany, 1945-1955”
  - Cornell Overfield, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Dr. Jonathan Harris, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 2 – GENDER ISSUES IN EUROPE
Room 538, William Pitt Union
9:00 – 10:25 A.M.

- “Violent Memory: Exilic Remembrances of Maruša Krese and Dubravka Ugrešić”
  - Samantha Farmer, University of Texas at Austin

- “If He Beats You, Then He Loves You: The Banality of Violence against Women in Central European Literature”
  - Margarethe Unger, University of Texas at Austin

- “Feminism in Northern Ireland: How Republicanism Dismissed Women’s Issues during the ‘Troubles’”
  - Haley Sheehan, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: Dr. Carol Bove, Department of English, University of Pittsburgh
PANEL 3 – MULTIMEDIA STUDIES OF LITERATURE AND CULTURE
Room 548, William Pitt Union
9:00 – 10:25 A.M.

• “‘Reading’ Fashion in A. Pushkin’s Eugene Onegin: ‘Word’ as ‘Image’ in 1820s Imperial Russia”
  Elizabeth LaFave, East Carolina University

• “Music Is a Major Scale Development”
  Emma Mamula, University of Pittsburgh

• “Embracing Weirdness: Nostalgia for the Absurd in Russian-American Literature and Memes”
  Robert Willard, Columbia University

Discussant: Dr. Tony Lin, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 4 – SOVIET AND POST-SOVIET POLICY ISSUES
Room 527, William Pitt Union
10:35 – 11:35 A.M.

• “Creating Capitalist Markets in Russia: The Short-Term Success of the New Economic Policy over Shock Therapy”
  Indigo Clingerman, Bucknell University

• “The Effect of Corruption on Development: The Sochi 2014 Olympic Games”
  Raushan Zhandayeva, Nazarbayev University

Discussant: Dr. Colin Johnson, Center for Russian and East European Studies / Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
**PANEL 5 – ORTHODOXY IN CULTURE AND POLITICS**
Room 538, William Pitt Union
10:35 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

- “National Extremism and Artistic Expression in the Film Matilda”
  *Julia Isacson,* Dickinson College

- “Changing Representations of Christ: From Church Councils to the Modern Novel”
  *Rio Maropis,* University of Pittsburgh

- “Russian Orthodox Church: State, Role and Ethnic Identity”
  *Alexey Shvyrkov,* Nazarbayev University

Discussant: *Dr. J. D. Wright,* Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

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**PANEL 6 – STATUS OF ETHNIC MINORITIES**
Room 548, William Pitt Union
10:35 – 11:35 A.M.

- “Soviet Germans and Soviets Living in Germany: A Comparison of Treatment”
  *Artur Kalandarov,* Bowdoin College

- “Integration and Differentiation within the Russian Diaspora: Estonia and Kyrgyzstan”
  *Cian Stryker,* University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: *Adam Brode,* Department of History, University of Pittsburgh

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**LUNCH FOR PRESENTERS, DISCUSSANTS, AND FACULTY SPONSORS**
Room 548, William Pitt Union
12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Remarks by *Dr. Dawn Seckler,* Associate Director
Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh
PANEL 7 – NATIONALITY POLICIES IN FORMER SOVIET SPACE
Room 527, William Pitt Union
1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

• “Neo-Eurasianism and Russia’s National Minorities Question”
  Joshua Gold, University of Toronto

• “Liberation in Goal, Oppression in Practice: The Nationalities Policies of the Soviet Union, and Their Effect on National Cultures”
  William Irving, Dickinson College

Discussant: Dr. Sean Guillory, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 8 – HEALTH AND SOCIAL ISSUES IN CENTRAL ASIA
Room 538, William Pitt Union
1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

• “The Prevalence of Depression among Nazarbayev University Students and the Use of Psychological Counseling on Campus”
  Ainur Kagarmanova, Nazarbayev University

• “Bride Abduction in Kyrgyzstan: A Point of Reference and Intervention”
  Dilshat Zhussupova, Nazarbayev University

Discussant: Dr. Jessica Pickett, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 9 – CROSS-CULTURAL LITERARY INFLUENCES
Room 548, William Pitt Union
1:10 – 2:10 P.M.

• “The Cross-Cultural Association of White and the Irrational”
  Madeline Kehl, University of Pittsburgh

• “The Timelessness of the Pastoral Utopian Ideal, Rome to Russia”
  Mitchell Luckman, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: Dr. Vladimir Padunov, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh
Schedule of Events

PANEL 10 – STUDIES OF VISUAL CULTURE
Room 527, William Pitt Union
2:20 – 3:20 P.M.

• “Behind the Strokes: The History and Influence of Socialist Realism within the USSR and Latvia”
  Kelsey Ellis, Brigham Young University

• “Engaging with the Ethnic Enemy: A Story of Serbian Nationalism”
  Marika Olijar, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: Dr. Ljudmila Bilkić, Chair of World Languages, Shady Side Academy / Ph.D., Department of German, University of Pittsburgh

PANEL 11 – INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE
Room 538, William Pitt Union
2:20 – 3:20 P.M.

• “Intergovernmental Organizations: Safety Nets or Passive Bystanders? A Critical Assessment of the European Union's Role in Countering Democratic Erosion’
  Filip Bozinovic, University of California, Berkeley

• “Contextualizing Russia's Revisionist European Security Goals”
  Kyle Sallee, Portland State University

Discussant: Dr. Vasily Rukhadze, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

CLOSING RECEPTION, AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES, AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
Room 548, William Pitt Union
3:30 – 4:45 P.M.